Mark Lane, WWDC, 9/17/76, Empathy, Fred Fisk

"I've heard the new evidence and I'm impressed that it is new evidence ..." probably quote of Fauntroy. Tape is not from beginning.

Quote of Fauntroy on big names. Lane: "But now for the first time we have what appears to be" apparently a wandering reference to new committee. Suggests retaliation against Fauntroy and others.

"In your article in Newswork you lead us to believe there may have been some involvement" of FBI or CIA men "who may have been on active duty at the time." Then, "If there is new, substantial evidence to that effect you could be delivering a crippling blow to them..."

Lane denies he ever said FBI was involved. "You talk about Dr. Martin Luther King's guard was relieved..." Lane desctibes Redditt as "in charge of" King's security. Says he was removed by Holloman personally "and when he was removed there was no one there." (Richmond was. So were six Invaders.) Goes into "we know know" that the Invaders "was infiltrated by" the FBI. (All emphasis added.) Goes into all of Les' story as though it were his own, on "plot" versus "Redditt."

Then goes into removal of "two black firemen" as though it is new and not in FRAME-UP, as is the essence of Holloman, all not in Les'story. Lane makes it all personal and his by saying he went to see Holloman with Abby Mann.

Moderator says, "Wow! This is very heavy stuff, Mark."

Lane goes into Murtagh and "the story he told me." Tells story as though it were a personal, exclusive account to him but in a manner that will permit him to claim he meant no such thing.

Lane says "the entire investigation" was conducted for the FBI by the "get King squad in Atlanta." In general and in specifics, this is totally false. I know who was in charge of the ~~fixtexs~~ field investigations. He was not in or from Atlanta.

"Where does James Earl Ray fit into this?" "I saw him just the other day." This was at Brushy and Mark says, "I was the first person to see him other than other prisoners and guards in many, many months.... Ray had written to me saying that he wanted to see me.... There is a problem, you see. I am a member of the bar.... I don't have any proof that I am a lawyer (because his bar does not issue cards)... We talked for a couple of hours... His story is quite interesting." Mark actually says Jimmy said he was involved "in criminal activity between the United States and Canada" before Raoul "came to see him." Says Jimmy told Raoul, "I want to go to Angola and be a mercenary." Repeats Angola. Claims Raoul told him "we want you to some some guns into the country."

Then goes into the three resembling people in Canada.

"Sounds like he had some kind of help" in getting out of prison and out of United States (end of first side first tape of dub of incomplete tape)

Shot to King "a distance of a hundred yards." Requires some expertise to fire one shot that severs the spinal column. (!!)

On "the bulllet": He quotes what I wrote about Frazier's affidavit. He says that it is the "land and groove" marks that are not clear enough for identification. But, "I've talked to people who have seen that bullet. Not those who have examined it under a microscope but who have seen it. And the bullet is pretty much intact." He says that on JFK Frazier examined "tiny little fragments the size of a pinhead and said 'they came from this fifle.'" But "now all of a sudden, with the bullet intact, ... he can't make a positive identification." Says there was never any expert examination "because there never was a trial." But he says "an expert from "Cornell University, in Ithaca, came down" and he said test-firing could establish because "so much is left" of the bullet. Lane says the "test has never been conducted."

"Ray tells a t erribly interesting story of what happened."

Of Hanes, "I've read that he was a contract agent of the Central Intelligence Agency." Where? FRAME-UP?

Says Hanes entered into an agreement to represent Ray in England. He didn't.

Says that Ray said he does not know hor Foreman got into case but "I think he contacted my brother."

Says that Huie "conducted his own investigation," from which he established there was a conspiracy. He didn't. He says the April article is "without any reference" to Huie's earlier ones. False. Lane says he looked up Huie's testimony "when I was down in Memphis," thus Lane knows Huie was "paid $10,000 for each of two articles ... and then he is paid $62,000 for the third article." This from the testimony of the nonwitness Huie. It is all false.

Goes into change of titles of Huie's book, again from FRAME-UP.

"You must have asked Ray when he pled guilty." Lane says he did "And now the answer comes in. He says Percy Foreman comes in and says, 'I want 60%...' They expected to make hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars, maybe over a million dollars ... ftom the book." All false.

"At that time," Foreman told Ray, "I'll get you off. No question about it." He asks, "But what did they have against Ray at that time?"

"They didn't have a single witness who could put Ray in the roominghouse. Not one." This is opposite the official and news accounts and is from FRAME-UP only.

Says that after the "FBI scoured the place" they found "not a single fingerprint - nothing." For this the FBI sent down "their latent fingerprint expert."

Lane makes this all appear to be personal by saying "I say him (Charles Stephens) the week after the assassination," and got what he says Stephens told the police. On "putting" Stephens in jail, "that's how they extradited Ray." Then goes into McCraw story, still in context of his own investigation. He says McCraw - he does not use name - went to Stephens "a couple of hours" earlier. Quotes "Stephens' wife" as saying opposite, also from FRAME-UP. He says Mrs. Brewer is "the woman who owned the rooming house." And "she ended up in a mental institution also."

But "I'm not saying he wasn't in there. Im saying there's no evidence." None - with him having seen Ray and the testimony?

Says Ray testified that Foreman said he would get Ray off "a couple of years ago." (Probably with a couple of years.) In this account, "And then the day came for trial." He quotes Foreman as telling Ray there was no proof the "bullet came frmm your rifle." Then quotes Foreman as saying what is in FRAME-UP on conviction and execution. He says Foreman said, "In addition to this I will pay you for pleading guilty."

He then quotes as what Foreman told Ray what I printed in FRAME-UP, the actual contract, for the first time. "It's not that just Foreman said that. I have a copy of the letter that Foreman sent (s9c) to Ray ... signed by him. If that's not grounds for disciplinary action by a bar association ..." He says Ray refused because he said he said to Foreman, "I did not do it," in response to which Foreman said that if Ray did not plead guilty, "I'm going to convey to that jury my belief that you are guilty." He claims Ray told him this.

He says Ray told him he "immediately got a new lawyer and asked for a trial."

He says that only "Richard Ryan of Memphis was his new lawyer and he made an adequate application, which Ray had made himself pro se ... and it (Ryan's) was more than adequate. (Ryan filed nothing until after Battle's death.) And I looked into the law books that I looked into when I was down there. And if you make an application for a new trial before a trial judge ... and should he die before he rules your new trial is

is automatic..." Repeats "a new trial is automatic."

Tape not complete. Picks up on call-ins after news.

Suggests people "in official position" connected with JFK assassination.

Plays big hero over 254 death threats to him.

"But just recently we've uncovered some material about the death of Martin Luther King." Interrupted. "You, specifically, or the Black Caucus?" He replies, "Well, Abby Mann and I were in Memphis and ... came back and gave some material to the Black Caucus. In addition to that I believe members of the Black Caucus have collected other information from other people very recently ... for example, in the story I told him about the withdrawal" of Redditt "I have the statement of that police officer tape recorded ... But our investigation is pretty much completed. We have all the essential people on tape. And that's their story."

On both JFK and MLK, "I'll still be there trying."

"We know of so many things" about the FBI, all public knowledge. But his, "We know."

He says the Church committee records on Katzenbach's insistence on the lone assassin came from the National Archives releases.

Lane: "I don't take the position that Ray is not guilty. I don't know ... he was involved in something ... he says it was all unwitting ... maybe it was, maybe it was not." But what seems important "to me" is what is in FRAME-UP, including of the escape and the aliases, etc. "These are real people. He had their I.D." He was a "v ery poor, low-level criminal ... not all that bright." He says Ray told him "I was in solitary confinement for three years" and that this "breaks you down," in health and "mentally."

He's not certain "that the (FBI) get-King squad actually got him." But he knows the head of it and Hoover "wanted him dead." So "they are suspects." Repeats they are suspects and it has to be examined.

Says that Ruby "was an FBI informant" and that this "was suppressed by the Warren Commission (sic) for 10 years ..."

Says the get-King squad had "buddies in organized crime."

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Says "we now know" through the Church, not Schweiker, Committee, that the FBI and CIA "deliberately conspired" to keep the Commission "from getting the basic evidence in the case," JFK.... "We now know that the Commission did not get the basic evidence in the case."

Says that Frazier said LHO rifle could not be fired more rapidly than once every 2.3 seconds because it stuck so much. And that "we" called Frazier after the CBS show and he says the rifle could not be fired that fast, as CBS said.

When a caller says one of two men standing next to King "was an ambassador to Africa and Isreal," he ducks, saying "we'd better wait"for Fauntroy.

Quotes the "publishers of that book," McDonald's, having "recently said to an associate of mine that the whole book was a hoax."

"There are at least two frames missing from the Zapruder film and Time-Life says ... that when they were developing it somehow a technician mangled two frames." While it is factually incorrect it is also stolen from my-work, PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH.

Says Robert Kennedy gave the brain to the Archives and it is missing "now."

"... if you have what is left of the brain now, submit it to a neutron activation analysis, and in a very short period of time you can prove conclusively that the bullet

bullet came from the front or it came from the back. It's that simple." (Impossible.)

I'm not certain but I think his account of the medical evidence he says it is his. It is not in his book and is in mine.

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Fisk says he knew they both worked for the FBI but not that they knew each other. Lane says "this is the first time I ever mentioned it." He had a more exaggerated version, of homosexual involvement, in his never-completed ~~fikm~~ secpnd film, as of 1968.

Refers to his videotape interview with one Bob Price of Houston, who told him that in "April of 1963 he was in a bar when a group of four people came in ..." The leader was identified as the "very well known" Jack Ruby. Price sat with the group, one of whom was a pilot and the other Oswald. "Lee Harvey Oswald." (Oswald was in Fort Worth until he left for New Orleans about 4/24 of that year.)

Lane's explanation of Price's long silence is that "the controversy wasn't really whether Ruby and Oswald knew each other." What a non sequitur! And lie. Garrison made it quite an extensively reported "controversy," with Lane's personal help, especially with Dago Garner.

Talks as though he is part of the House committee, using "we" and saying it will make a report after beginning hearings in November to the Congress.
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Houston story: Price said pilot not Ferrie.

Does he expect to have any part in the investigation? He has told Downing and Fauntroy that "everything that I have and everything that I know" he would ~~xx xxkx~~ make available. "And I think we are going to find some way so that all of the evidence I have, all of the tape records I made im Memphis ... will be made available ... I don't know if I'll have a formal positáon. I'm not going to be counsel, or anything like that. I'm sure of that..."